

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 17-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-11 are amended.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants appreciate that claims 1-11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, claims 1-11 have been amended to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Thus, the application is now in condition for allowance.

CLAIM REJECTION – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 1-11 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The Examiner offers reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claim limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singularly or in combination, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is the language of each claim, including the interconnections between various claim elements which is allowable over the prior art of

record, and not the Examiner's paraphrasing of claim features which are not present in any of the allowed claims.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-13 and 17-19 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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